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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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VIA U.S. EXPRES MAIL #EU186312561US

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit a preliminary amendment in the above referenced file. Please substitute paragraph [0001] with the following paragraph:

AI [0001] The present application derives priority from USSN 60/228,251, filed August 26, 2000, and derives priority from and is a continuation-in-part of 09/768,936 filed January 23, 2001, which are both incorporated by reference in their entirety for all purposes.

Applicants assert no fees are due. However, if any fees are due now or at any time during the prosecution of this application, please charge them to the standing account of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., 06-2375, under Order No. 10104379.

Respectfully submitted,

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